

Appln. No. 09/833,031

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REMARKS

The examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method of enrichment of natural antisense mRNA; and

Group II, claims 9-26, drawn to a method for detection of differential expression of natural antisense mRNA.

Applicant elects Group II, comprising claims 9-26 (as newly renumbered by the examiner), without traverse. Non-elected claims 1-8 are cancelled and renumbered claims 10-17 and 19-26 are amended to correct claim dependency due to the renumbering of the claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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